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Justice Vindicated

Maury Diggs, good fellow and club man of Sacramento, has been convicted of gross immorality and licentiousness. The verdict will be applauded throughout the length and breadth of the land. This is the best answer that can be made to Senator Tillman who publicly advised summary death for the men involved in this noisome scandal. Tillman is of the impetuous southern stock which recognizes no law other than the Mosaic and he would prefer to take the law into his own hand rather than abide by the regular course of the courts. The South Carolina statesman may have had some good excuse for losing confidence in the jury system but now that the matter is at an end, let us hope that Tillman will admit there is some good in California.

California has been vindicated. A lesson has been taught dissolute sprigs of wealth that they cannot invade the sanctity of the home and despoil the flower of the hearth with impunity. The craven nature of the scoundrel convicted on the testimony of his victims was shown clearly in his own testimony where he tried to foist the blame on the girls whose lives had been blighted by an over confidence in human nature. Diggs, the most detestable of his base kind, insulted the dignity of the court when he took the stand and smirking at his victim, told how he, the poor deluded innocent, had been seduced by a girl fresh from school. The very audacity of this performance condemned him in the eyes and hearts of his fellow men for everyone realized that he was lying and endeavoring to still further blacken the character of one who had taken his word that he would make her his wife. Whimpering over this sad betrayal of his own virtuous self, Diggs dropped to more contemptible levels in the estimation of the world. He proved himself a degenerate wholly lost to a sense of decency and a reprobate of the lowest type.

In his low browed way Diggs may have thought he was paying more than the price for commercialized love but he never allowed the moral law to enter into his calculations. Morality was not at stake. There was no conscience to prick him into a sense of offending against a higher statute than that of man and he played his evidence with that end in view. This shocking indifference to moral culpability is one of the most abhorrent features of the trial. The girl whose life had been blasted was nothing more than a toy that could be cast aside when the novelty wore off or another one of greater attraction presented itself. Wealth, influence and political prestige had been brought to bear on the case. The culprit shrank from a public trial. They knew their guilt and they feared the verdict which would brand their brows with scarlet letters and send them forth to the world as things unclean and leprous pariahs whom every man and woman would avoid as they would elude a plague stricken pest.

The conviction of this arch criminal means that the world is growing better and not worse. This conviction is a warning to libertines that they must draw the line at the home and that the sacred name of childhood shall not be blotted by their nefarious machinations. The Diggs-Caminetti cases form the most glaring effrontery of morality without a single mitigating circumstance.

Pet Fancies

Another bubble of the popular fancy has been punctured and found to contain thin air. The American Bar association, after making an exhaustive study of police conditions in the principal American cities, finds the "third degree" a myth. The practice does not exist, the report says, but is only a fiction conjured up by sensational newspapers and magazines.

Making the investigation as a body of leading humanitarians whose purpose was to prevent suffering and injustice and thereby elevate the standard of their profession their findings in the matter of the "third degree" point a moral to the periodical attacks of hysteria that seize the American people and rush them into foolish ways.

This agitation was a typical example. Three or four years ago the public was suddenly aroused by a loud hue and cry against this latest outrage. It was called a blot on civilization. Cartoonists drew pictures of a mild and placid Nero shocked at occurrences alleged to be common in every police department. Parallels were drawn between the "third degree" and the oppression of the Russian Czar. Then a reporter with a gift of language coined a catchy phrase, and in a month the scandal was off with a fine start.

Proved facts at such a time are superfluous. Therefore convicts and others whose tendencies prejudiced them against the police came forward with shocking stories of the brutality they had endured as innocent suspects. Sensational newspapers printed their prejudiced testimony in full, and soft hearted ladies sent them flowers and liniment. Muckrakers out of a job flew to their pens and added new details of imaginary cruelty. The shame of it was denounced in pulpits and women's clubs, and plays were written about it.

Then the agitation died away. A sensation is always short lived, and presently the "third degree" was forgotten for something else. It

had not the full course and as played, but it remained for the Bar association to give it decent burial and send the catchy phrase to the back of the dictionary with the stamp "obsolete."

The denials of such a bogaboo calls attention to other pet phrases that roll glibly from the public tongue for a space. "Dollar diplomacy" is one of these. It suggests an end to statelessness. Its connotation is useful in the commercial world, but it persists because it is catchy. Another is "white slavery" which is not used literally once in fifty times. Popular phrases should be avoided. Their hysterical acceptance makes them dangerous.

Interesting Sidelights

The sun doesn't shine only on pretty days.—Hogswallow Kentuckian. Carrying a message to Garcia was not half so exciting.—Springfield Republican.

A woman in politics will never be able to throw mud straight.—Baltimore American.

Putting one's heart into one's work is exactly the thing to do in a love affair.—Deseret News.

There will be a Mexican crisis when the Mexicans themselves produce one, and no sooner.—Philadelphia Record.

"Silver Bill" Riley, the famous Chicago gambler, died penniless, just like most of his victims.—Boston Transcript.

The greater reprobate the greater acclaim appears to be the rule in the seditious power republics.—Mobile Register.

As we understand it Julian Hawthorne's ideal prison is hemmed by the aurora borealis and the milky way.—Washington Post.

In a small business on man has to be everything, and in a large business every man has to be something.—Sioux City Journal.

Arkansas has had four governors since the first of the year. It almost looks as if she would have to send out. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Oh, well, if the new tariff law is not framed ostensibly in the interests of the farmer, it will be the first one that wasn't.—Syracuse Journal.

Once upon a time the public was interested in the sorrows of Werther. Nowadays it's the sorrows of Huerta.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Texas has fined the Standard Oil

MRS. CHARLTON WAS BORN IN ELKO COUNTY

Local interest in the case of Porter Charlton, confessed wife slayer, who last week was extradited from New Jersey to Italy to be tried for murder, is renewed by the return to Elko of Mrs. John S. Mayhugh, who knew Mrs. Charlton as Mamie Scott years ago.

The slain woman was born in Elko about 33 years ago and lived here for some time. She was the daughter of Henry Scott, who was deputy sheriff during the White Pine excitement, and who left Nevada when he was defeated in his campaign to be elected sheriff.

The Scotts lived first in a small house opposite where the courthouse stands now, and later moved to a brick house at the foot of the hill leading to Elko heights. Mrs. Henry T. Scott was a Miss Crittendon of San Francisco, before being married to Scott. She moved in the best society in California. After leaving Elko the former deputy sheriff returned to San Francisco, where he became surveyor of customs for that port.

Harry Scott, brother of the slain woman, was also born in Elko. He is married to a daughter of Admiral Sampson, now dead, who engaged in the controversy with Admiral Schley, also dead, as to who rightfully is entitled to honors for the victory of Santiago, when the Spanish fleet was demolished by the American warships.

Scott has led the fight on Charlton who confessed he killed his wife, cast her body in Lake Como, Italy, and then fled to America. He was arrested when leaving a steamship at Weehawken, and has been held imprisoned in New Jersey, pending the action of the United States courts on Italy's requisition for the prisoner.

Mrs. Mamie Scott Charlton was married to a mining man named Castle, of Alaska, soon after she left Elko, but she divorced him in California. Some time afterward she met Charlton and after a brief courtship accepted him. The couple led a story life for several years, and finally agreed to make a last attempt to live together happily. Charlton leased an Italian villa on the shore of Lake Como.—Elko Free Press.

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